

2016 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Community Center Strategic Plan Addressing Needs of Capitol Hill Residents

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

In 2015, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) began work on the development of a strategic plan for the 26 community centers operating citywide. This plan will set a course for achieving the following goals, as established in the 2014 Parks Legacy Plan:

1. Ensure community centers are the focal points in our neighborhoods and serve as places where people can connect, foster relationships, build community, and enhance their health and well-being by offering programs, activities, and events to Seattle's changing population.
2. Ensure community centers are physically and emotionally safe and welcoming places for individual enrichment and community growth.

The Community Center Strategic Plan will include objectives and action items to accomplish these two broad goals.

In addition, racial and social equity underpin community center operations: centers are the equalizers in our City, giving *all* people a place to play, learn, connect, engage in healthy activities, meet and celebrate with their neighbors. Barriers to centers providing equitable access and opportunities will be addressed in the Strategic Plan, with strategies to overcome those barriers.

This plan will include recommendations for each of the 26 community centers based on:

- Demographic information (Census data and trends)
- Information from users and non-users of community centers (obtained through surveys, and outreach activities) concerning needed/desired programs and services

- Recreation Demand Study that assesses current and future need and demand for recreation services, including those provided at community centers. The plan will address whether our programs align with the demographics of the community and what and where are the service gaps.

The Community Center Strategic Plan will be delivered to the Council in the first quarter of 2016.

The Council requests that this plan specifically examine the specific needs of the Capitol Hill neighborhood and how the existing Miller Community Center could be optimally utilized to meet the recreation and social needs of this community.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Parks, Seattle Center, Libraries and Gender Pay Equity

Date Due to Council: March 31, 2016